We need your help! The Village of Wauconda's Adopt-A-Roadway program brings citizen volunteers into partnerships with the Village to keep our roadsides and community looking great. Please consider adding your group of friends, neighbors, coworkers or club members to our list of volunteers who make a positive impact on the area where we live and allow visitors to our community to have a great first impression of our Village.

About the program

Each volunteer group is assigned a one-half mile section of roadway. When your group applies, you may choose the particular section of roadway to adopt as long as it has not been previously selected by another group. Volunteer groups agree to help improve the appearance of a section of roadway at least three times each year for a two-year period.

Participation can include one or more of the following activities:

- Removing litter.
- Removing graffiti.
- Controlling vegetation.

In return for this partnership, the Village will provide roadside signs identifying your group as an official Adopt-A-Roadway program participant

(the Village reserves the right to approve all messages on the signs). The Village will provide safety vests and trash bags to volunteers and removes the filled bags from the roadside following a pickup day.



What's required to participate?

Your time and effort. It's that easy! Groups are asked to participate a minimum of three times a year to improve the roadsides in their designated area. Your group will be given instructions and materials to complete the requested improvements.

Who's eligible?

Just about any group of six - ten people. It's a great opportunity for all types of organizations, including scout troops, homeowners groups, church groups, activity and teen groups, small and large businesses, clubs, service organizations and senior citizen groups. Crew members must be a minimum of 12 years old. Participants between the ages of 12 to 18 must have adult supervision at a ratio of one adult for every five youth.

What happens next?

Once your request is received, a safety inspection will be conducted on your requested section of roadway. If approved, you will be contacted to set up participation dates.

Is there a fee?

There is no fee required to participate in the Adopt-a-Roadway program. Groups will need to provide their own transportation to the adoption site. The Village will provide bags for litter and any other material needed to complete the beautification. The Village will provide safety vests for each member of your group and will pick up the filled trash bags after your participation.

How does my group benefit?

In addition to the sense of pride your group will feel by enhancing the appearance of your community, the name of your group will be identified on Adopt-a-Roadway signs to be displayed near your roadside area. In addition, your group will receive a certificate of participation to display as you see fit.

How are roads assigned?

Requests for specific roadside areas will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

An important note about safety

All Adopt-a-Roadway participants are required to conduct a safety meeting to review procedures before participation. All participants are required to wear a safety vest while working and age restrictions must be strictly followed.

How can we sign up?

Contact the Village of Wauconda Public Works Department at (847) 526-9610 to receive an Adopt-A-Roadway application form today!